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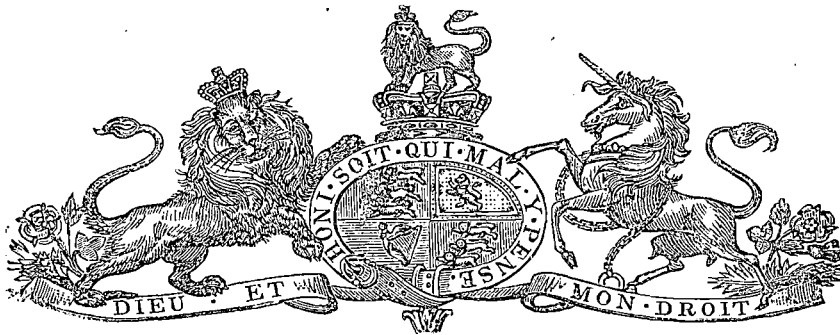
GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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## GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOBART.

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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1898.

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SIR,

IN accordance with the Rules of the Hobart General Hospital, we have the honour to lay before you the following Report, containing such tabulated and other information as will, we trust, fully exhibit the working of the Institution during 1898.

Sixteen Board and one hundred and one Committee meetings were held during the year, at all of which the attendance of members was, without exception, good.

The Hospital is indebted to many citizens for acts of kindness towards the patients and nursing staff by the frequent donations of fruit, flowers, books, periodicals, and the daily papers.

The balcony and fire-escape, main building, is at last completed, and proves a decided acquisition to the Institution.

During the year the resources of the Hospital were taxed to the utmost, and a complete break-down of the nursing staff was but narrowly averted. Extra assistance had to be obtained locally and from Sydney, and, owing to the unusual amount of sickness which prevailed generally throughout the Colonies, it was with much trouble that the required help was procured.

It was with difficulty that the large number of cases admitted to the Institution were treated. Extra beds had to be placed in all the wards, and even then it was necessary to utilize the recreation-room and the separate compartments or cells to accommodate the cases. To afford some idea of the pressure of work, it may be stated that at one time there were 154 patients under treatment, and of this number 124 were typhoid fever cases.

The total number of cases treated was 1403, far in excess of any previous year, and, consequently, the expenditure was greater, viz., £7349 8s., but still considerably below the cost during the "fever epidemic" of 1887, when the expenditure was £8451 16s. 8d. for 1209 cases.

Owing to the exceptional increase in the number of patients treated, and the necessity for obtaining extra nursing assistance, the funds placed at the disposal of the Board, despite every means taken to economise, proved insufficient to the extent of £666 18s. 9d., and application had to be made for this additional sum in order to settle the year's account.

In 1898 1303 cases were treated in the Hospital; this year, 1403, of which number 116 proved fatal, 28 deaths occurring within 72 hours after admission. The average stay of patients in Hospital was  $25\frac{1}{2}$  days, as against  $24\frac{1}{2}$  days in the preceding year. Of the 1403 cases treated, 545 came from country districts.

As will be seen by the detailed list, a large number of surgical operations have been successfully performed during the year, and the Board of Management has much pleasure in recording its high appreciation of the manner in which the Honorary Medical Officers have discharged their onerous duties, the increased number of critical cases treated entailing much additional anxiety and work.

In June last the attention of the Government was fully drawn to the absolute necessity of having the wards, bath-rooms, &c. of the main building placed in a sanitary condition, as, owing to the large number of infectious cases therein treated, and the general decay of the woodwork in the wards and lavatories, &c., it was found that the patients and nurses were exposed to risks and dangers which should not exist. After what seemed to the Board unnecessary delay, tenders for the repairs were invited by the Public Works Department, and the successful contractor started work on 3rd October, but, owing to having to wait from time to time for material which should have been in readiness, the repairs are not yet fully completed; but when this is the case, the Hospital will be in a sound sanitary condition, and will compare most favourably with similar institutions.

The net average cost per patient was £4 4s., as compared with £3 13s. 6½d. in 1898. The fees recovered from patients amounted to £822 9s. 3d., being an increase of £67 19s. 10d. over the collections made in the preceding year. The fees remaining on the books for collection at 31st December amounted to £70 3s.

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1. The following is a comparative statement of certain statistics of 1897 and 1898:—

	1897.	1898.
Number of diets issued to In-patients .....	33,976	35,490
Average stay in Hospital of each Patient.....	24½ days	25½ days.
Average daily number of In-patients.....	93	97
Number of diets issued to Staff (Males) .....	2920	2920
Ditto (Nurses and Female Servants).....	12,222	13,671

2.

1. No. of Wards or Rooms for Patients .....			30
2. Aggregate capacity in cubic feet of ditto .....			139,812
	Males.	Females.	Total.
3. No. of Beds .....	—	—	148
4. No. of In-patients at beginning of year.....	51	34	85
5. No. admitted during year.....	748	570	1318
6. No. discharged—			
(a.) Cured or relieved .....	680	536	1216
(b.) Incurable .....			
(c.) At their own request or on other grounds .....			
7. No. died.....	74	42	116
8. Remaining at end of year.....	45	26	71
9. Average No. during year.....	57	40	97
10. Total Number Diets of In- } Colonial Government { patients chargeable to } Imperial Government }	—	—	35,490
11. Cases treated during the year:—			
(a.) In-patients .....	799	604	1403
(b.) Out-patients .....	—	—	1956
12. Ages of In-patients:—			
(a.) Under 10 years.....	94	65	159
10 to 15 ditto .....	65	59	124
15 to 25 ditto .....	192	194	386
25 to 35 ditto .....	115	118	233
35 to 45 ditto .....	125	63	188
45 to 55 ditto .....	56	47	103
55 to 65 ditto .....	55	34	89
65 and upwards .....	97	24	121
TOTAL.....	799	604	1403
(b.) Average age of each In-patient:—		Years.	
Adults, both sexes.....		41	
Children, ditto .....		6	

13. Birthplaces of In-patients :—		Males.	Females.	Total.
Australian Colonies and Tasmania.....		635	542	1178.
England and Wales.....		90	35	125
Ireland.....		41	16	57
Scotland.....		14	8	22
Other British Possessions.....		3	—	3
Foreign Countries.....		15	3	18
Birthplace unknown.....		—	—	—
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>799</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>1403</b>

14. Receipts and Expenditure :—		£ s. d.	
Receipts.			
(a.) Government aid.....		5893	3 9
(b.) Private Contributions.....		822	9 3
(c.) Other Sources—"credits".....		633	15 0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>		<b>7349</b>	<b>8 0</b>
Expenditure.			
(a.) Salaries and Allowances.....	} See detailed Statement.		
(b.) Provisions and Medical Comforts.....			
(c.) Erection and Repairs of Buildings.....			
(d.) Out-door Relief.....			
(e.) Miscellaneous.....			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....</b>		<b>7349</b>	<b>8 0</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE.....</b>		<b>5893</b>	<b>3 0</b>
(d.) Proportion of Net Expenditure :—			
Chargeable to { Colonial Government.....		—	
{ Imperial Government.....		—	
(e.) Cost of each In-patient for year :—			
		Average Cost of Occu- pied Bed.	Average Cost per Patient.
On Gross Expenditure.....		75 12 10	5 4 9
On Net Expenditure.....		60 12 10	4 4 0

3. The following synopsis, embracing the total cost of every branch of the Hospital Service, will fully elucidate the entire working of the Institution :—

## A.

Situations.	Yearly Salary.	Remarks.
House Surgeon .....	£ 300 0 0	Also quarters (unfurnished), fuel, and light. Ditto. Ditto.
Assistant House Surgeon and Dispenser...	200 0 0	
Secretary, House Steward, &c.....	250 0 0	
Clerical Assistant .....	130 0 0	Also rations, fuel, light, and uniform.
Mortuary Attendant .....	90 0 0	
Dispensary Attendant .....	81 0 0	
Wardsman .....	60 0 0	
Messenger and General Cleaner .....	60 0 0	
Cook .....	65 0 0	
Assistant Cook and Barber .....	57 0 0	
Day and Night Porters, £52 each .....	104 0 0	Also furnished quarters, ration, fuel, light. Also a personal ration, furnished quarters, and uniform.
Lady Superintendent .....	100 0 0	
Nurses (24).....	795 14 6	
Servants and Cleaners (8).....	188 12 7	
Cook (Nurses' Home) .....	39 4 1	
	<b>£2520 11 2</b>	

## B.

	1897.	TOTAL.	1898.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries .....	2261 16 7		2520 11 2	
Provisions.....	2050 6 6		2458 7 11	
Medical Comforts (Alcoholic Foods).....	116 18 6		188 12 9	
Fuel and Light.....	496 18 0		520 9 7	
Medicines and Surgical Appliances .....	368 15 3		380 9 6	
Clothing, Bedding, Stores, and Stationery ...	319 7 7		355 13 10	
Advertising and Printing .....	36 13 6		39 1 0	
Funeral Expenses.....	43 10 0		23 10 0	
Washing .....	290 2 10		324 13 10	
Repairs to Buildings .....	157 15 1		165 17 2	
Removal of Ashes, Cartage.....	6 0 0		8 0 0	
Petty Expenses.....	44 8 10		132 3 6	
Furniture .....	62 10 0		47 10 6	
Uniforms for Nurses and Attendants.....	43 14 9		68 3 10	
Commission on Collection of Fees.....	55 12 0		61 3 5	
Keeping Grounds in order, &c. ....	50 0 0		55 0 0	
Gross Expenditure .....	6404 9 5		7349 8 0	
<i>Credit.</i>				
For Medicines, &c. supplied to H.M. Gaol, £45, estimated cost of treating 1956 Out- patients at 2s. 6d., and credit taken for treatment of in-patients sent in from Dépôt, H.M. Gaol, and other Government Institu- tions, and medical attendance H.M. Gaol £633 15s.....	560 7 6		633 15 0	
Sums received from self-supporting Patients and other sources.....	754 9 5		822 9 3	
Net Expenditure .....	...	5089 12 6	...	5893 3 9



## IN-PATIENTS.

RETURN of Diseases treated during 1898.

		Cases.	Deaths.			Cases.	Deaths.
I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.	ORDER 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>			ORDER 2.— <i>Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.</i>			
	Measles .....	14	1	Otitis, Otorrhœa .....	2	—	
	Scarlet Fever .....	6	—	Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose .....	10	—	
	Influenza .....	9	—	Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye .....	23	—	
	Mumps .....	2	—	Total Special Sense .....	35	—	
	Diphtheria .....	11	1				
	Simple Continued Fever .....	30	—	ORDER 3.— <i>Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>			
	Typhoid, Enteric Fever .....	272	28	Endocarditis, Valvular Disease .....	47	12	
	Others .....	3	—	Hypertrophy of Heart .....	6	2	
	Total Miasmatic .....	347	30	Syncope .....	2	—	
				Senile Gangrene .....	2	1	
	ORDER 2.— <i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>			Phlebitis .....	2	—	
	Diarrhœa .....	2	—	Varicose Veins .....	20	—	
	Total Diarrhœal .....	2	—	Others .....	6	—	
				Total Circulatory .....	85	15	
ORDER 5.— <i>Venereal Diseases.</i>			ORDER 4.— <i>Diseases of the Respiratory System.</i>				
Syphilis .....	15	—	Laryngitis .....	9	—		
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra .....	27	1	Asthma, Emphysema .....	11	1		
Total Venereal .....	42	1	Bronchitis .....	20	2		
			Pneumonia .....	67	9		
ORDER 6.— <i>Septic Diseases.</i>			Pleurisy .....	22	—		
Erysipelas .....	10	—	Others .....	1	—		
Pyæmia, Septicæmia .....	2	1	Total Respiratory .....	130	12		
Total Septic .....	12	1					
			ORDER 5.— <i>Diseases of the Digestive System.</i>				
II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.			Sore Throat, Quinsy .....	29	—		
Hydatids .....	10	1	Dyspepsia .....	22	—		
Others from animal parasites .....	2	—	Hæmatemesis .....	1	—		
Total Parasitic .....	12	1	Diseases of Stomach .....	33	3		
			Enteritis .....	14	1		
III.—DIETIC DISEASES.			Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine .....	6	—		
Starvation—want of Breast Milk ...	1	—	Hernia .....	7	—		
Intemperance			Fistula .....	6	—		
<i>a.</i> Chronic Alcoholism .....	12	—	Peritonitis .....	3	1		
<i>b.</i> Delirium Tremens .....	9	—	Gallstones .....	4	—		
Total Dietic .....	22	—	Cirrhosis of Liver .....	6	1		
			Other Diseases of Liver .....	2	—		
			Others .....	7	—		
IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.			Total Digestive .....	140	6		
Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of Heart .....	5	—	ORDER 6.— <i>Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.</i>				
Rheumatism .....	41	—	Bronchocele .....	5	—		
Gout .....	1	—	Total Lymphatic .....	5	—		
Cancer, Malignant Disease .....	33	2					
Phthisis .....	24	5	ORDER 7.— <i>Diseases of the Urinary System.</i>				
Other forms of Tuberculosis, scrofula, &c. ....	29	5	Nephritis .....	13	6		
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythæmia. ....	13	1	Uræmia .....	2	2		
Diabetes Mellitus .....	2	—	Calculus .....	3	1		
Total Constitutional .....	148	13	Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate .....	18	1		
			Others .....	4	—		
V.—DEVELOPMENTAL.			Total Urinary .....	40	10		
Old Age .....	7	3	ORDER 8.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>				
Total Developmental .....	7	3	Ovarian Disease .....	3	—		
			Diseases of Uterus and Vagina .....	28	1		
VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.			Disorders of Menstruation .....	9	—		
ORDER 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>			Pelvic Abscess .....	4	—		
Apoplexy .....	3	2	Perineal Abscess .....	3	—		
Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis .....	4	1	Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c. ....	5	—		
Paralysis (undefined) .....	5	—	Total Generation .....	52	1		
Insanity (General Paralysis of Insane) .....	26	—					
Chorea .....	5	1					
Epilepsy .....	5	—					
Tétanus .....	1	1					
Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Chord .....	7	1					
Others .....	21	2					
Total Nervous .....	77	8					



VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.		Cases.	Deaths.	VII.—VIOLENCE.		Cases.	Deaths.
ORDER 9.— <i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>				ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>			
Abortion, Miscarriage .....		9	—	Fractures, Contusions .....		80	3
Phlegmasia Dolens .....		1	—	Gunshot Wounds .....		1	1
Childbirth .....		1	1	Cuts, &c .....		20	—
Parturition .....		1	—	Burn, Scald .....		12	4
Total Parturition .....		12	1	Poison .....		6	—
				Drowning .....		2	—
				Otherwise .....		5	—
ORDER 10.— <i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>				Total Accident .....		126	8
Caries Necrosis .....		18	1	ORDER 3.— <i>Suicide.</i>			
Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis .....		7	2	Cut, stab .....		1	1
Others .....		15	—	Total Suicide .....		1	1
Total Locomotion .....		40	3				
				ORDER 11.— <i>Diseases of the Integumentary System.</i>			
Carbuncle .....		1	—	Debility, Atrophy, Inanition .....		13	—
Phlegmon, Cellulitis .....		7	1	Tumour .....		4	—
Ulcer, Bedsore .....		6	—	Abscess .....		20	1
Eczema .....		2	—	Not specified, or ill-defined .....		9	—
Others .....		6	—	Total Ill-defined .....		46	—
Total Integumentary .....		22	1	TOTAL .....		1403	116
				VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.			

RETURN showing Number of Deaths within 72 hours after admission to Hospital.

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	ADMITTED.	DIED.
1	F.	26	Burns	31 December, 1897	1 January, 1898
2	F.	61	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	4 January, 1898	6 January
3	M.	79	Morbus Cordis	15 January	17 January
4	M.	80	Morbus Cordis	24 January	25 January
5	F.	9	Burns	5 February	6 February
6	M.	25	Abscess of Cerebrum	10 February	11 February
7	M.	55	Morbus Cordis	13 March	14 March
8	M.	1	Gastro-Enteritis	21 March	22 March
9	M.	33	Fracture of Tibia and Fibula	22 March	24 March
10	M.	33	Gastritis	29 March	29 March
11	M.	38	Typhoid Fever	29 March	1 April
12	M.	21	Cut-throat	5 April	6 April
13	M.	32	Morbus Cordis	13 April	15 April
14	F.	59	Pneumonia	24 April	24 April
15	M.	2	Congenital Syphilis	29 April	30 April
16	M.	80	Bronchitis	5 May	8 May
17	M.	11	Diphtheria	12 May	13 May
18	M.	70	Senility	25 May	27 May
19	F.	56	Morbus Cordis	8 July	10 July
20	M.	64	Chronic Interstitial Nephritis	18 July	19 July
21	F.	13	Burns	2 August	3 August
22	F.	10	Tetanus	7 August	10 August
23	F.	38	Nephritis	1 September	3 September
24	M.	33	Pneumonia	7 September	9 September
25	M.	75	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	11 September	11 September
26	M.	25	General Tuberculosis	15 September	16 September
27	M.	35	Renal Calculus	20 September	20 September
28	F.	19	Measles	4 October	6 October

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*RETURN showing Causes of Death, 1898.*

NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NO.	SEX.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	F.	26	Burns	59	M.	24	Morbus Cordis
2	F.	16	Tubercular Meningitis	60	M.	16	Typhoid Fever
3	F.	61	Cerebral Hæmorrhage	61	M.	70	Senility
4	M.	16	Gunshot Wound	62	M.	77	Senile Gangrene
5	M.	22	Morbus Cordis	63	M.	38	Necrosis of Tarsus
6	F.	80	Abscess under Deltoid	64	M.	51	Emphysema
7	M.	77	Senile Dementia	65	M.	24	Typhoid Fever
8	M.	79	Morbus Cordis	66	M.	80	Fractured Femur
9	M.	37	Chronic Nephritis	67	F.	58	Gastritis
10	M.	29	Typhoid Fever	68	M.	17	Cerebral Tumor
11	F.	26	Typhoid Fever	69	F.	25	Phthisis
12	M.	32	Typhoid Fever	70	M.	60	Bronchitis
13	M.	80	Morbus Cordis	71	M.	67	Peritonitis
14	F.	18	Typhoid Fever	72	F.	42	Typhoid Fever
15	M.	30	Typhoid Fever	73	F.	17	Typhoid Fever
16	F.	17	Typhoid Fever	74	F.	56	Morbus Cordis
17	F.	9	Burns	75	F.	53	Morbus Cordis
18	M.	22	Typhoid Fever	76	M.	5	Nephritis
19	M.	38	Abscess of Cerebrum	77	M.	65	Morbus Cordis
20	M.	25	Phthisis	78	M.	64	Chronic Nephritis
21	M.	16	Pneumonia	79	F.	8	Pneumonia
22	M.	72	Heart Disease	80	F.	7	Acute Phthisis
23	M.	80	Malignant Disease of Liver	81	M.	55	Arthritis
24	M.	67	Hydatid of Liver	82	M.	77	Morbus Cordis
25	M.	28	Typhoid Fever	83	F.	13	Burns
26	F.	58	Osteo-arthritis Deformans	84	F.	16	Burns
27	M.	77	Fatty Degeneration of Heart	85	F.	22	Phthisis
28	M.	55	Morbus Cordis	86	F.	10	Tetanus
29	F.	19	Typhoid Fever	87	M.	46	Chronic Nephritis
30	M.	54	Malignant Disease of Stomach	88	F.	28	Fibroid of Uterus
31	M.	60	Typhoid Fever	89	M.	37	General Tuberculosis
32	F.	6	Typhoid Fever	90	F.	38	Chronic Nephritis
33	M.	1	Gastro-Enteritis	91	M.	60	Morbus Cordis
34	M.	24	Fractured Tibia and Fibula	92	M.	33	Pneumonia
35	M.	63	Pneumonia	93	F.	48	Chronic Nephritis
36	F.	23	Typhoid Fever	94	M.	75	Cerebral Hæmorrhage
37	M.	33	Gastritis	95	F.	17	Pneumonia
38	M.	33	Typhoid Fever	96	F.	46	Ectopic Gestation
39	M.	49	Typhoid Fever	97	M.	25	General Tuberculosis
40	M.	38	Typhoid Fever	98	F.	44	Septicæmia
41	M.	21	Cut-throat	99	F.	19	Measles
42	M.	16	Phthisis and Enteritis	100	M.	19	Tubercular Disease of Kidneys
43	M.	31	Typhoid Fever	101	M.	58	Phthisis
44	M.	75	Senility	102	F.	54	Pernicious Anæmia
45	M.	32	Morbus Cordis	103	M.	28	Pneumonia
46	M.	43	Typhoid Fever	104	F.	34	Chronic Nephritis
47	M.	15	Typhoid Fever	105	F.	74	Hemiplegia
48	F.	28	Typhoid Fever	106	F.	25	Typhoid Fever
49	M.	52	Typhoid Fever	107	M.	43	Cirrhosis of Liver
50	F.	59	Pneumonia	108	M.	69	Enteritis
51	M.	73	Fracture Tibia and Fibula	109	F.	32	Nana Pudendi
52	M.	2	Congenital Syphilis	110	F.	62	Chronic Nephritis
53	M.	23	Typhoid Fever	111	F.	1	Broncho-Pneumonia
54	F.	13	Typhoid Fever	112		35	Renal Calculus
55	F.	60	Paraplegia	113		24	Tubercular Meningitis
56	M.	80	Bronchitis	114		11	Chorea
57	M.	26	Typhoid Fever	115		83	Cystitis
58	M.	11	Diphtheria	116		44	Pneumonia

## OUT-PATIENTS.

*RETURN showing the Monthly Numbers for the Year 1898, with the figures for 1896 and 1897 for comparison.*

	NEW OUT-PATIENTS.			CASUALTIES.			TOTAL ATTENDANCES.		
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1896.	1897.	1898.
January .....	116	84	109	41	53	64	427	353	428
February .....	114	84	127	26	57	55	482	344	452
March .....	85	111	117	27	44	50	464	424	496
April .....	102	94	115	33	39	38	440	349	438
May .....	139	98	110	21	28	34	474	399	468
June .....	151	96	105	25	44	46	605	432	397
July .....	150	145	120	24	31	86	590	510	405
August .....	107	123	111	53	54	38	555	497	442
September .....	129	99	131	49	54	53	536	439	490
October .....	107	105	100	37	57	43	387	495	435
November .....	103	122	134	42	46	38	393	542	447
December .....	95	130	75	57	67	57	443	521	381
TOTAL .....	1398	1291	1354	435	574	602	5796	5305	5279

## DISPENSARY PATIENTS.

	1896.	1897.	1898.
Number of orders for medicine received from the Government			
Medical Officer attending the poor in their own homes .....	661	637	616
Number of prescriptions made up for the above .....	964	923	807



VII.—VIOLENCE.		ORDER 1.— <i>Accident or Negligence.</i>		VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.	
		Fractures, Contusions .....	269	Debility, Atrophy, Inanition .....	18
		Cuts, &c. ....	183	Abscess .....	31
		Burn, Scald .....	24	Not specified, or ill-defined .....	15
		Poison .....	1	Total Ill-defined, &c. ....	64
		Bite of a Snake or Insect.....	1		
		Otherwise .....	4	TOTAL .....	1956
		Total Accident .....	482		

*LIST of Surgical Operations performed during 1898.*

Nature of Operation.	No of Cases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.
Removal of Tumours :—				
Epithelioma of Tongue.....	3	3	...	...
Ditto of Lower Jaw and Tracheotomy.....	1	...	1	...
Ditto Lower Jaw .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Elbow .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Lip .....	9	9	...	...
Ditto Face .....	1	1	...	...
Sarcoma of Neck .....	1	...	1	...
Ditto Thigh .....	1	1	...	...
Chondroma of Lower Jaw.....	1	1	...	...
Lipoma of Thigh .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Shoulder .....	1	1	...	...
Amputations :—				
Thigh (for Gangrene after Typhoid) .....	1	1	...	...
Thigh (for disease).....	1	1	...	...
Leg .....	3	1	...	2
Fingers and Toes .....	9	9	...	...
Respiratory System :—				
Tracheotomy (Diphtheria) .....	3	2	...	1
Excision of Rib, Empyæma .....	3	2	1	...
Empyæma, drainage .....	1	1	...	...
Excision of Tonsils.....	4	4	...	...
Straightening Septum Nasi .....	1	1	...	...
Circulatory System :—				
Excision of Varicose Veins .....	15	15	...	...
Ligature of Artery.....	1	1	...	...
Glandular System :—				
Removal of Tubercular Glands .....	5	5	...	...
Ditto Cystic Goitre .....	1	1	...	...
Digestive System :—				
Strangulated Hernia .....	3	3	...	...
Radical cure of Hernia.....	1	1	...	...
Fistula in Ano .....	3	3	...	...
Cauterising Anal Fissures .....	1	1	...	...
Nose :—				
Removing Post-nasal Adenoids .....	10	10	...	...
Removal of Nasal Polypi.....	1	1	...	...
Genito-Urinary System :—				
Repair of Perinæum .....	2	2	...	...
Oophorectomy .....	1	1	...	...
Amputation of Cervix Uteri.....	1	1	...	...
Alexander Adam's Operation .....	2	...	2	...
Curetting .....	20	20	...	...
Abdominal Hysterectomy.....	1	...	...	1
Internal Urethrotomy .....	4	4	...	...
Circumcision .....	5	5	...	...
Excision Vasa Deferentia .....	1	...	1	...
Excision Varicocèle .....	1	1	...	...
Bones and Joints :—				
Caries, or Necrosis of Nasal Bones.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto, ditto Tarsal Bones .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto, ditto Tibia .....	7	6	1	...
Ditto, ditto Inf. Maxilla .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto, ditto Sup. Maxilla .....	3	3	...	...
Ditto, ditto Radius and Ulna .....	1	1	...	...
Depressed Fracture of Frontal Sinus .....	1	1	...	...
Tenotomy and Bone-crushing, Talipes .....	1	...	1	...

Name of Operation.	No. of Cases.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.
Tenotomy .....	1	1	...	...
Excision of Knee-joint .....	2	2	...	...
Reducing old dislocation humerus .....	1	1	...	...
Fibroma of Bursa Patella.....	1	1	...	...
Incisions :—				
Exploratory Lapatotomy .....	2	1	1	...
Abdominal Section, Extrabterine foetation .....	1	...	...	1
Eye :—				
Excision of Eyeball .....	6	6	...	...
Removal of Cataract.....	4	4	...	...
Hypopyon .....	2	2	...	...
Miscellaneous :—				
Hydatid of Lung .....	2	2	...	...
Hydatid in Post-triangle of Neck .....	1	1	...	...
Suturing Tendons and Nerves after wound.....	7	7	...	...
Extraction of needle from hand .....	1	1	...	...
Ditto ditto foot .....	1	1	...	...
Scraping old Mammary Sinus .....	1	1	...	...
Excision Rodent Ulcer of Face .....	1	1	...	...
Abscesses :—				
Deep Facial Abscess .....	3	3	...	...
Palmar .....	2	2	...	...
Vulval .....	1	1	...	...
Alveolar .....	1	1	...	...
Perineal .....	1	1	...	...
Thecal .....	1	1	...	...
Deep Abscess in Neck .....	1	1	...	...
Abscess in head of Tibia.....	1	1	...	...
Ditto Antrum.....	1	1	...	...
Others.....	4	4	...	...
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

Examinations under anaesthetics, 20 ; Passive movement ditto, 11 ; Extraction of teeth ditto, 6.  
Total general anaesthetics, 229

The following Return shows the gross Expenditure on the General Hospital for the 19 years over which it extends; but it should be remarked that the amount includes £5000 or upwards for repairs and alterations to buildings during the same period :—

YEAR.	PATIENTS ADMITTED.	PATIENTS DISCHARGED.	PATIENTS DIED.	PATIENTS REMAINING 31ST DECEMBER.	GROSS COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.
1880.....					£ s. d.
1881.....	1054	945	104	80	6323 6 4
1882.....	941	873	98	50	6077 7 5
1883.....	991	887	107	59	5733 6 10
1884.....	1065	957	101	71	6760 4 6
1885.....	946	848	101	68	7162 4 1
1886.....	891	784	92	83	6999 8 2
1887.....	1010	902	109	78	7053 9 9
1888.....	1209	1051	155	81	8451 16 8
1889.....	1077	936	131	91	7320 4 2
1890.....	922	822	118	91	8072 6 7
1891.....	1093	988	103	75	8105 3 3
1892.....	1379	1249	148	57	8199 17 3
1893.....	1143	1011	123	66	7945 3 4
1894.....	1166	1072	99	61	6593 19 5
1895.....	1124	1032	93	60	6373 13 11
1896.....	1128	1028	93	67	6098 0 11
1897.....	1226	1101	111	81	6382 2 1
1898.....	1303	1180	119	85	6404 9 5
	1403	1216	116	71	7349 8 0

NOTE.—The receipts from self-supporting patients and other sources are not deducted in any of these years.

D. MACMILLAN, *Chairman Board of Management.*  
*General Hospital, Hobart, 14th April, 1899.*